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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

MEETINGS EVERY WEDNESDAY

11:50 - 12:50

FSM 105

Photograph by Jeremiah Bang

Alice in Wonderland Spring Carnival

On March 10, the Mat-Su College student ambassadors abandoned their scholastic pursuits, left behind their pencils and shiny red apples, and adopted the personae of barkers and sideshow attractions in order to host the college's annual Spring Carnival. Games, music, and delicious foods were provided with the hope of help students make it through -- or recover from -- their midterms. Judging from the amount of joyful noise the carnival generated, we have to judge the event a success.

March 21-25: The UAA School of Nursing will have an advisor on campus for individual appointments with students interested in pursing a nursing degree. To make an appointment call Student Services at 745-9762.

March 21: Fall schedule available on UAOnline.

March 22: Kick Butt Day

March 22: The UAA School of Nursing will have an orientation session from 7-8 PM in FSM 202. Students interested in nursing degrees should attend.

March 22: UAA College of Business and Public Policy will have individual appointments to advise students interested in pursing a business degree. To make an appointment call Student Services at 745-9762.

March 23: Math Department Cram Jam, Snodgrass Hall, 9-2.

March 25: CIOS will host a workshop on the mobile Excel app from 12-1 in FSM 104.

March 25: Deadline to withdraw from a class.

April 1: Deadline to file for Spring Graduation.

April 7: Math Dept. Pi Day event. Throw a pie at your (least) favorite professor or staff!

April 8: Deadline to file to run for Student Government positions for Fall 2016.

April 15: CIOS will host a workshop on the mobile PowerPoint app from 12-1 in FSM 104.

CLUB MEETING TIMES:

Alaska Native Cultures Club: Mondays, 11:50-12:50. FSM 201.

Tobacco Support Group: Tuesdays, OLB 122 12:00

Dance Club: Wednesdays, 1:30 Glenn Massay Theater.

Game Designer's Club: Tuesdays Jkb 108 4:00 - 5:00

Gamer's Club: Tues, OLB 214 Pathfinder game 11:30 - 12:30 Fridays JKB 108 Magic: The Gathering 12 - 3:00.

Mat-Su Monitor: Mondays & Thursdays, 12:00-12:50. Library 213.

Microsoft Office, for Free

By Art Corvelay

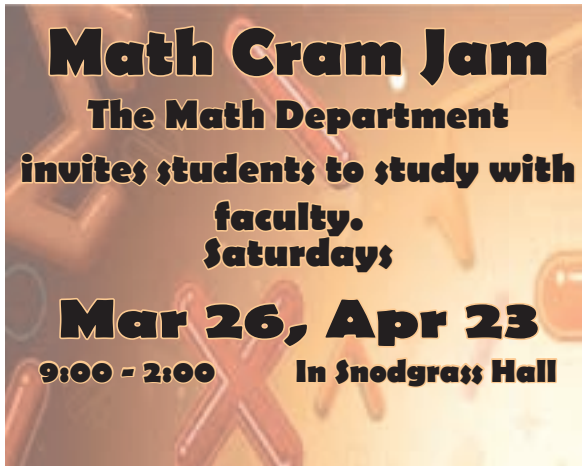
As a student affiliated with a UAA campus, you have free access to Microsoft's Office 365 website.

Office 365 offers browser-based versions of some the popular Office programs: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. These lack a few features found in their desktop counterparts, but make up for that by saving your files to "the cloud" and by allowing multiple users to simultaneously edit the same document.

Better still, Office 365 users have the option to install the full 2016 versions of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Simply sign into Office 365 and click the "Install Now" button.

You can access Office 365 by visiting https://portal.office.com and signing in with your UA username followed by @ua.alaska.edu.

Students who want a free, no-strings-attached office suite that will be available long past their graduation should look at LibreOffice (https://www.libreoffice.org/).



Math Clinic

Fridays SGH 103
8am -3 pm
Faculty will be available as follows:

Dr. Graham
11:00 - 3pm 4/8

Dr. Allen
8:00 - 12pm on 4/15

Dr. Grabarek
8:00-12pm 4/1

tutor.com

ALASKA STATE LIBRARY Live Homework Help

By Art Corvelay

It's 12:41 AM. Empty energy drink cans and candy bar wrappers litter your desk. You've just finished the last sentence of the last paragraph of your big paper – the one due at 9:00 AM. You hoped to get one of the college's Learning Resource Center's English tutors to read over it, but now it's too late. You're SOL.

Or maybe not.

Turns out all Alaska residents are eligible for live homework help through an online service called Tutor.com. These tutors can help with subjects ranging from Calculus to World History and near-about anything in-between.

Using Tutor.com's services couldn't be easier. Just go to www.tutor.com/alaska, pick a subject, and then click "Connect Now." Within moments you will be able to chat with a real tutor; you can even share files for them to review or draw on a virtual whiteboard.

Still not convinced? Here's a few more selling points. Tutors are available from *every day of the* week from noon to 2 AM (goodbye, pants). The website actually works well. Tutoring is available to students from kindergarten to college. (Now somebody else can help your kids with their homework.) It's entirely free.

Convinced now? Good. Just don't forget about the college's Learning Resource Center; its tutors aren't available until 2 AM, but they're nice people all the same.

HAVE SOME QUESTIONS? TRY ONE OF MAT-SU COLLEGE'S LEARNING SERVICES.

Elizabeth J. Fallon Learning Resource Center*

OLB 121 745-9713 http://matsu.alaska.edu/offices/the-learning-center/tutoring/

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MATH	Mon / Wed 9:30-5:00 Tues / Thur 9:30- 5:30
BIOLOGY	Thur 1:00- 3:00
ASL	Mondays & Wednesdays 2:00 - 4:00 **FSM 105**

***Tutoring is available only for students enrolled n MSC courses**
Hours are subject to change. Tutors available Jan 11-Apr 28

Online Tutoring:

UAA Consortium Library 1pm-midnight.Limited hours per student.

Alaska State Library provides the Live Homework Hotline at tutor.com/alaska from 1pm-2am

www.tutor.com/military for military families who qualify

Khan Academy: Videos (math, science, economics, history) http://www.khanacademy.org/

Foreign Language: http://libraries.mangolanguages.com/alaska/start (includes English)

Writing: http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/index.html , http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/rules7e/#t_669460
http://www.paperrater.com/ , http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/

ALL TESTING APPOINTMENTS MUST BE MADE ONLINE

The Second King: Part Seven; One of Two

By Brian Conaway

Editor's note: readers can find past installments of this series beginning in the February 2015 issue of the Monitor. Back issues are online at http://matsu.alaska.edu/news/mat-su-monitor-newspaper/

Sons of Silvara

When he beheld Gelduis by the light of the descending Sol from a near distance, just an hour's length before their estimated arrival, Bennevon was reminded of his late father's ingenuity towards his evening years. He had insisted upon the construction of two port cities, one in the west for trade, and one in the north for war. "When it comes, beloved son, not 'if.'" He starkly recalled those biting words. At least, they had seemed biting then, falling upon the ears of an ignorant prince.

Now war seemed not an hour thence from where he stood now, always seeming so since his departure from the Isles. He only wondered whose swords would be Sorcerion's instruments of terror to Benn's people. *The Winterosk's unseen steel? The Organthian's curved fangs?*

In the night it was his own people's blades.

When evening spiraled into early night bells sounded from their towers, hailing the arrival of *Elenyah* to port. Benn hardly heard them. Louder bells were sounding near the Inland Gates. Dismay visited him anew when he placed the meaning to these ones: attacking brigands. Outlaws specifically. There were many notorious land-bound rogues who made it a game of seizure on the outlying forts crescent-rounding the much larger castle of Gelduis on the North Shore. *Are they instruments also?*

"Brigands visiting, Your Majesty," Captain Shanehem announced aloud, putting voice to his thoughts. "This rabble has been attacking more each week since you departed." *Perhaps it was unwise to leave my people after all. Every king hereafter shall not be allowed to emulate my mistake. What trouble I have invited with my absence!*

"Remind them who holds the chastening rod, Captain," Benn ordered distantly. "No doubt the Soldiery at Gelduis is faithfully doing the same." *Elenyah, I am so sorry.*

"With pleasure, your Majesty." He addressed his crew, "Alright, men! Show these pirates their folly! To arms! To arms! Silvara! Silvara!"

"Hear! Hear!"

"Is capture an order?" Shanehem whispered to his king.

"Merely a preference. Warm blood ought to only be spilled, not cold."

"As you please."

The *Elenyah* was anchored and boardwalks were dropped onto the stone surface. Several of the crew stormed down them and rushed in alongside some infantrymen who were running from the sea-ward watch towers. *They must have nearly a legion if this many are needed to contest them.*

He was horsed with Shanehem and they rode to the top of the southern wall where they watched the tail end of the battle unfold. Murky smoke from burning arrows made things difficult to see coupled with the early darkness. By the looks of things, the brigands were being driven back into every possible direction. Some archers fired at the wall where Benn stood. Clearly they could not see much better than he could.

Hearty cheers sounded as the brigands tried to regroup, but not from the brigands. A row of horsemen were charging from the east, flying the standard of Natill, of House Antock. *Jes!*

The cavalry ran down the enemy in what seemed like moments, Benn was rushing down the stairs before the last bitter cry of the last bitter brigand was heard. The main gate was ordered closed by the Castle Master, even if the king ordered otherwise; he would take no risk. From out of a sally gate Benn rode forth to greet his peacekeeper of a son.

He was bareheaded, his black curls matted with sweat to his forehead. A real smile, bereft of falsehood, emerged when he beheld his father. "We came to meet you! It appears they did as well." He gestured with his immediately polished sword to a dead outlaw. "I reckon some plot was devised to murder you upon arrival."

"Then I am doubly grateful to your timeliness, Prince Jes." They shook hands from across their steeds.

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STUDENT BODY GOVERNMENT AGENDA

By Philip Jean

The purpose of this is to inform the students of Matanuska-Susitna College (Mat-Su College) of what is being discussed in Student Government Council (SGC) meetings, and to inform the student body of what their SGC is doing for them. Here is the scoop.

- A new club, Human Services, has been approved and is now in full operation. If you or someone you know has an interest in this field, please let them know. Look on the student information boards to find out times and meetings.

- SGC members went to Juneau and had a great opportunity to discuss topics such as HB 202, HB 264, and SB 174 with legislatures.

- Get ready to get your groove on. The Dance committee was approved around $4,500 to have a school dance in April. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information on the place, the date, the time, and the theme.

BOOK REVIEWS

By Sam Ouellette

As a reader it is often difficult to find the next book. Once I finish a jaw-dropping good read it is very difficult for me to find a tale on par with the last. These two horror books will blow your mind in different ways but easily give you transition to the next book that is just as good.

Wild Fell by Michael Rowe

Wild Fell touts itself as a ghost story, which it is but it is far from a typical ghost story. Rowe sets the novel up as a traditional ghost story but his own personal touches on the traditional ghost story. *Wild Fell* follows Jameson Browning through his life as well as his time at Wild Fell hall. A gripping story from beginning to end *Wild Fell* will keep you up long after you finish -- and have you looking for the perfect next read like it.

A Head Full of Ghosts by Paul Tremblay

If *Wild Fell* left you wondering what to read next, here it is. Tremblay's *A Head Full of Ghosts* is a chilling drama set in suburban America. Tremblay blends present, past, and modern media into an intricate tale of horror. *A Head Full of Ghosts* follows the lives of the Barrett's, a suburban New England family, as there lives are torn apart by a family tragedy. *A Head Full of Ghosts* will leave you shocked for hours after you finish the last page.

Heather's Top 8 Advice Bits to Succeed in Class

By Heather Deadmond

This might be a little late in the semester for these tips, but it can be applied to this upcoming Summer and Fall semesters.

1. **Go to class.**
   This is the most important advice bit! If you do not show up to class, you cannot be expected to know the material being taught. Unless there are extenuating circumstances keeping you from coming to school it's better to go than to skip.
2. **Do the assigned homework**
   Do the homework, on time preferably. In life we are all going to have to finish projects and goals that we don't want to do. It's good practice for the real world, as well as earning a grade in your class.
3. **Ask questions**
   If you don't know something about the material or something in the text, just ask your professor. Most professors are eager to answer any questions their students may have.
4. **Talk with your classmates**
   Sometimes, it's also helpful to get a second opinion on something in the material. If you're struggling in the homework, your classmates might be able to help. Study groups can also be beneficial.
5. **Read the text**
   Many times, professors will use much of the required text in their class material. Even if they don't, there is a lot of applicable information to use. It is very helpful to read the material that you will be covering before class, to make the information stick better. ☺
6. **Gather outside sources for learning**
   When the class and the text aren't enough, sometimes it's good to go searching for supplementary material. Especially when you're writing papers, you'll need to know how to find additional information about your subject of choice. (The library is a storehouse of useful resources!)
7. **Take good notes**
   This includes highlighting important information, and keeping up with the professor in class. When you're doing homework, notes are very helpful to read through again for material you might have forgotten.
8. **Sleep well**
   Many studies have shown that our bodies function better on six to eight hours of sleep. I have found that it's better to go to bed earlier, in order to wake up earlier to do last minute homework, than to stay up all night trying to finish. Even if you're not a morning person, it's much easier to concentrate when you've had a good night's sleep.

Dress to Impress for Less

By K.B. Holbrook, Career Counselor

With the job fair coming up on March 16th and May graduation shortly after, many students will be looking to hang up their hoodies and trade out for professional clothing they can wear to job interviews and the workplace. Although buying new clothes can be fun, it can also be stressful as you start crunching the numbers on the cost. Name-brand suits for men and women can cost hundreds of dollars, and that doesn't even include shirts, shoes, belts, etc. This might lead a young professional to the question, "how can I get a job to make more money if I can't afford the clothes to get the job?" Don't get caught in this chicken or egg scenario. Instead, be a savvy shopper. To help, I have put together some tips for dressing on a budget and give examples from how I put together for under $35 a professional work that included a shirt, pants, tie, shoes, and jacket.

First, let's talk about new clothes, because sometimes it's nice to wear a shirt that someone else hasn't sweat in. But wait a minute, how will that work on a shoestring budget? No problem, just enter the store of your choice, look for the men's or women's section, and walk right past all the nice clothes they put up front. Look for a rack or section labeled "clearance" and plant yourself in front of it. Even better, wait until the store is having a huge sale. I'll have savings on savings with savings on the side please. Remember that cheap wardrobe I mentioned before, it started with a $5 button down shirt from a Kohl's sale in Anchorage. The same shirt would have cost me about $45 new. Waiting for the right opportunities, I have had similar experiences at Old Navy, Gap, Famous Footwear, Burlington, Fred Meyer, and Target. The only downsides with going this route is that stores don't plan their sales around when you have a job interview and if you wear common clothing sizes, pickings can be slim. So if you want to save money and are pressed for time, you will probably need to buy some used clothes too.

Now, let's talk about used clothes. Think about your last trip to the thrift shop; remember that odd sea of misfit clothes, household items, and VHS tapes. Maybe there is a strange leather jacket on display that smells of cigarettes. You have to have a sharp eye to notice decent clothes when they are paired next to your grandfather's wool trousers from the 50s or your mother's old shoulder pad shirt. Here is a tip I find helps; I like to grab the shirts or pants in my size that I think might be decent and rearrange them so they are all lined up next to each other. This makes it much easier to pick identify the diamonds in the rough. I also find that thrift stores are about the cheapest place to pick up neck ties and suit jackets. In fact, my favorite tie I bought from Value Village for $0.50 along with a nice suit jacket for $15. Other thrift stores that I have found good deals at includes Bishop's Attic, the Salvation Army, and Turn-A-Leaf. Turn-A-Leaf even has weekly sales, with $1 pants and shirts on Wednesdays and 50% off Sundays. Garage sales can also be a great place to score clothes on the cheap. Selection is hit and miss, but you never know when you are going to turn up gold. In fact, a favorite sweater of mine was bought for $1 at a moving sale and has earned many compliments. If you are good at saving cash, try carrying $10 in singles during the summer so you are ready to garage sale at a moment's notice.

So don't stress out when it comes to buying your first professional wardrobe. Save some money and have some fun. Bring a friend to the thrift shop and laugh at things that people used to wear. Go to a garage sale and practice your haggling skills. Keep your eyes peeled for those hidden gems, and shop cle1arance if you go with new.

MLB Free Agents 2016

By Sam Ouellette

The 2016 Major League Free Agent Pool made have been the most loaded player pool in MLB history. Here are the top free agents and where they landed.

David Price SP
2015 Team: Detroit Tigers/Toronto Blue Jays New Team: Boston Red Sox
Contract: 7 years worth $217 million dollars
Why it fits? Price was traded at the July 31 trade deadline from Detroit to Toronto where Price helped Toronto into the playoffs. Price is a top of the rotation left-handed ace and a much-needed game changing presence missed by Boston last year.

Zach Greinke SP
2015 Team: LA Dodgers New Team Arizona Diamondbacks
Contract: 6 years $206.5 million dollars and a $18,000 signing bonus
Why it fits? Greinke is possibly the best pitcher in baseball and will make an instant impact in Arizona as they continue to evolve into a contending team.

Johnny Cueto SP Current
2015 Team: Cincinnati Reds/Kansas-City Royals New Team: San-Francisco Giants
Contract: 6 years worth $130 million
Why it fits? After San-Fran lost the bidding for Zach Greinke they still needed a pitcher to complement Madison Bumgarner. In comes Cueto. Cueto is a top of the rotation pitcher who was traded mid season to KC where he helped them win the World Series and will help solidify the Giants rotation.

Yoenis Cespedes OF
2015 Team: Detroit Tigers/NY Mets New Team: Stayed with NY Mets
Contract: 3 years $75 million with opt out clause after 1st year
Why it fits? Cespedes arrived from Detroit at the July trade deadline and helped them to the World Series where the Kansas City Royals defeated them. Cespedes is a great fit in NY due to his defensive ability and offensive presence

Jason Heyward OF
2015 Team: St. Louis Cardinals New Team: Chicago Cubs
Contract: 8 year $184 million
Why it fits? Heyward's signing gives Chicago a loaded outfit and a premier defensive outfielder. This signing also takes talent away from their National League Central rival St Louis Cardinals.

Jordan Zimmerman SP
2015 Team: Washington Nationals New Team: Detroit Tigers
Contract: 5 year $110 million
Why it fits? After seeing Max Scherzer leave in free agency last year and David Price leave at the trade deadline Detroit needed a starting pitcher, which they got in Zimmerman. By adding Zimmerman Detroit gets one of free agency's top five pitchers and it checks off a big need for the team.

Justin Upton OF
2015 Team: San-Diego Padres New Team: Detroit Tigers
Contract: 6 year $132.75 million with an opt out clause after 2 seasons
Why it fit? There was a hole left Cespedes when he was traded and Detroit had no real replacement until now. Upton brings a much-needed offensive and defensive presence to the outfield.

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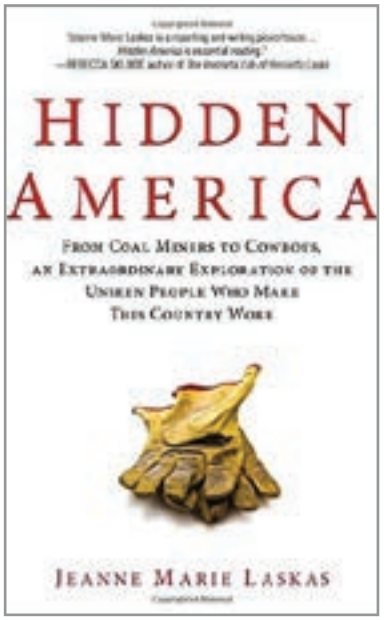
Tundra Talks

The Mat-Su College Tundra Talks Book and Seminar Series presents the follow events which are free and open to the public. Please join us. Event dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, Mar 24, 6-8 pm, Mat-Su College, FSM 105: Movie Night and Chapter Discussion
Movies: Eating Alaska and Sustainable Table
Hidden America chapter discussion: "Hecho En America"

Thursday, Apr 7, 6-8 pm, Mat-Su College, FSM 105: Farm/Ocean to Table Panel Discussion
Speakers: TBA
Thursday, May 21, 6-8 pm, Colloquium: faculty, community, and students--lecture, projects, etc., followed by wrap up and invitation to help select next year's book.

Please contact Dr. Joan O'Leary at jdoleary@matsu.alaska.edu or 745-9753 for more information.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AMERICA
From Coal Miners to Cowboys, an Extraordinary Exploration of the Unseen People Who Make This Country Work
Jeanne Marie Laskas

The Machetanz Arts Festival (MAF), hosted by Mat-Su College, will present its 6th annual festival May 31st -June 5th in Palmer, Alaska. This year promises to be the biggest, most diverse, and inclusive offering of workshops to date with 32 workshops: Russian-Born Sculptor Simon Kogan, local favorite Pat Garley, the 2016 Governor's Award Winner; and the 5-day Machetanz Film Festival are among this year's features.

One of the most unique workshops, and sure to sell out, is the Build Your Own 3-D Printer workshop. A favorite at last year's festival, the writers' workshops, will expand to 6 workshops along with the addition of 2 writers' panel discussions. Check Machetanz Arts Festival on Facebook for frequent updates as the date draws nearer. For more information please contact Felicia Desimini at 907-745-9755, or email fdesimini@matsu.alaska.edu

Business owners!

The Mat-Su Monitor is a great place to advertise your business or event. The Monitor has a wide circulation, with thousands of copies inserted in the Frontiersman and distributed thoughrout the Valley.
We also have low rates:

Ad Size	Cost, B/W	Cost, Color
1/8th page	$75	$125
1/4th page	$125	$175
1/2 page	$175	$225
Full page	$275	$300
Full page, back	Always color	$375

Moreover, the Monitor runs relatively few ads, which ensures that your ad will stand out. Finally, advertising in the Monitor demonstrates your support for local students. For more on advertising, call **745-9758.**

Summer Art Academy

For students entering 9-12th grade

In this Summer Art Academy, Mr. Barton will engage high school students in making, designing, exploring, playing, and sharing art.

Day One: Working with paper-clay students will design, build, decorate, and fire a dragon(s) sculpture.
Day Two: Students will be presented with exercises to engage in the creative use of digital photo apps.
Day Three: Students will create one intaglio plexi plate matrix and print an artist's proof using a printer's press.
Day Four: Using found object items, students will devise and construct a moving sound sculpture.
Day Five: The remaining dragons will be glazed and fired in the kiln.

Dates: June 6-10
Daily Schedule: 9:00 am-4:30 pm
Tuition: $250 early registration; $275 after May 1, 2016

Summer Science Camps

For students entering 6-8th grade

Under the guidance of these experienced scientists and science educators, campers will work in the college science labs to engage in hands-on exploration of topics ranging from human anatomy to forensics to environmental science.

- Mini-Med School I—June 6-10
- Crime Scene Investigation—June 13-17
- Mini-Med School II—June 20-24
- Environmental Science Camp—August 1-5

Mat-Su College
University of Alaska Anchorage

Camp Schedule: 8:30 am to noon.
Camp Tuition: $139 early registration discount; $159 after May 15, 2016.

Web: http://matsu.alaska.edu/summer-camps/
Email: summer@matsu.alaska.edu or Phone: 907-745-9775

Women of Science & Technology Day (Mat-su)

girl scouts of alaska

A Girl Scouts of Alaska signature event, Women of Science and Technology Day (WSTD) allows girls to experience science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subjects through fun, hands-on workshops led by women working in STEM careers.

Women of Science engages girls in STEM education in fun and relevant ways and encourages them to explore future careers in the fields of biology, ecology, veterinary medicine, geology and engineering, and many others.

Girl Scouts' approach to STEM education is unique and effective. The processes used in Women of Science are girl led, encourage "learning by doing," and foster an environment of cooperative learning.

Location: Mat-Su College
Dates: Sat 4/23/16, 9:00am to 3:45pm
This event is open to ALL girls, regardless of Girl Scout membership. Registration opens at 9 a.m.
Who: Girls in grades K-12
When: Saturday, April 23
* Grades K-3: 9:45 a.m. - noon
* Grades 4-12: 12:45 -3:45 p.m.
Cost: $7/girl, $0/adult (Price will increase to $9/girl after April 15). Financial aid is available.
To register: Call 907-248-2250
Contact Info: Girl Scouts of Alaska, 907-248-2250/1-800-478-7448

KICK BUTT DAY

By Caleb Berry

On March 8/22/2016 Mat-Su College celebrated national Kick Butts Day; where we go find people that we do not like and kick their butt (just joking). In all seriousness Kick Butts day is an annual event dedicated to aiding struggling people in their courageous fight to defeat their tobacco addiction. Thanks to the support of Student Government the event was highly successful. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the events. The Mat-Su College Tobacco Support Group meets every Tuesday in room 214 upstairs in the library.

Game Builders

Want to Join a Team of Game Designers and Make A Video Game? Join the *GAMEBUILDERS*

For Students of UAA:

Tuesday

JKB 108 4:00 – 5:00

For Non Students:

Email travisfriesen90@gmail.com or call

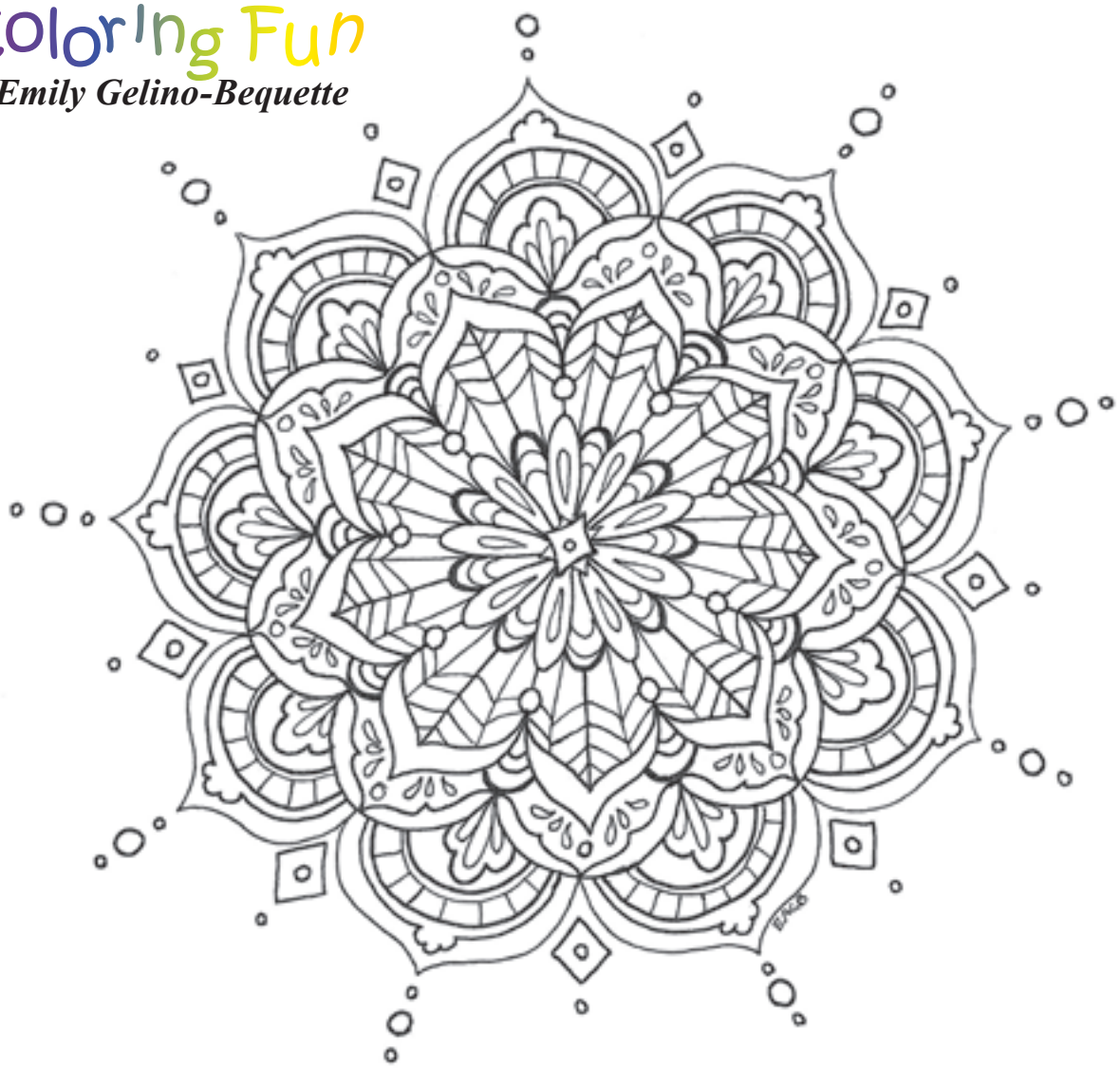
(907) 841 1562

!!Programmer, Musicians, Artists, and Writers Welcome!!

Snacks may be available

Coloring Fun

by Emily Gelino-Bequette



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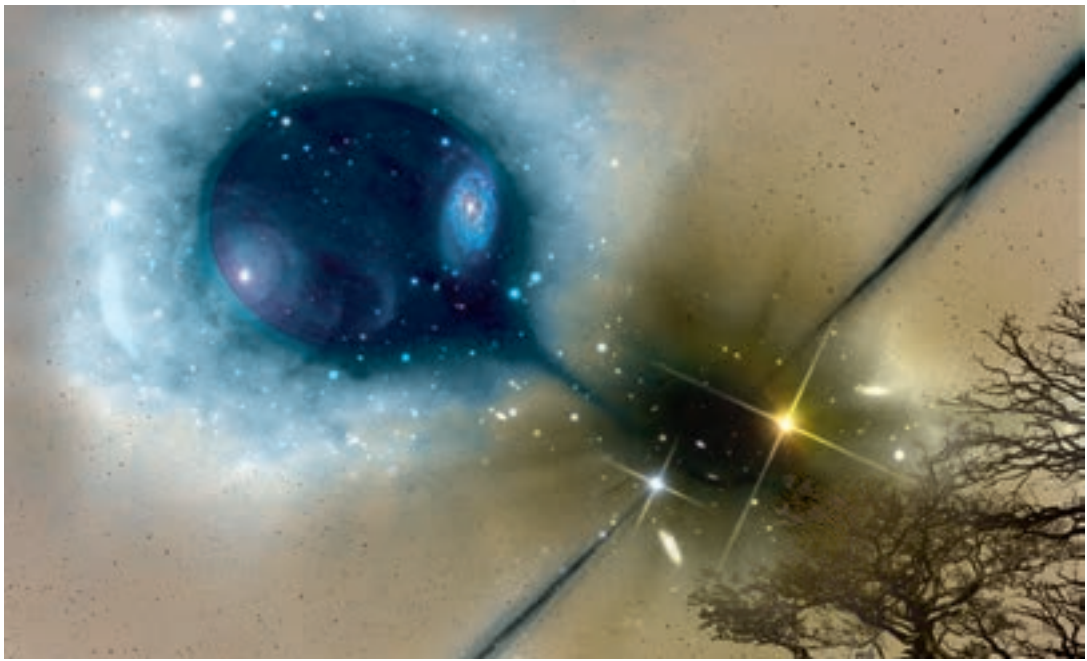

Ask Sophia

Welcome to Ask Sophia, the Mat-Su Monitor's regular advice column. If you have a question you'd like to see answered, email it to MSCmonitor@matsu.alaska.edu or submit it in the Ask Sophia box located in the FSM front lobby.

Q. Dear Sophia: X-Files Season one ... amazing opener for a T.V. show. The subjects are all declassified by the U.S. government.

A. Dear X-Phile: Like all good dragons, I want to believe.

Q. Dear Sophia: What do you do with a nosy nosy nosy co-worker who wont stay out of your office and the boss wont do anything about it and talking to her has done no good because she just sees it as "bullying". HELP

A. Dear Bedeviled: The way I see it you have three options:

1.Stop and chat for a few minutes, sometimes you must weigh the options of 'nose to the grind stone' vs 'pleasant work place'.

2.Ignore them. They should get the hint

3.Let them know right away that if it is not an emergency you need to concentrate on your work then plan a later time to discuss the topic.

Q. Dear Sophia: Wasilla is great,but the commute to Anchorage really brings me down.

A. Dear Road Weary: Try commuting with a fellow student. It will give you a little time to relax when you're not the driver and maybe a little more prep time. You could also check into online classes, or GULP take the bus.

SPRINGTIME IN ALASKA

S B V E T U M A L A M S K S R G S M Y O
N T E K C U B Y E N O H O T E T R U O R
O W H J C W U P M O O E O R V U E D A C
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M S U X I L I K K A E N I H F E C U S S
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C A D D K I N E U C U R C A I I L H O U
H T R I A W E R K E G U E C B H G S O E
I E U T D A T B E E G S E H A W Q U B E
N R O A E W T H I H E N L D C U P B Y S
E S S R E V I D H C T I D U I A I E N O
K G N O S G N I S R S R D T S S C H N N
U O X D L O G Q Y K Q A O O N H T T U U
L D I T S O R F A M R E P N P V P U B Y
F N D N I L B W O N S B I N T E R I O R

ARCTIC ENTRY
BEAR INSURANCE
BREAKUP
(BUG) DOPE
BUNNY BOOTS
CABIN FEVER
CACHE
CARHARTS
CHEECHAKO
CHICKADEES
CHINOOK
DIP NETTING
DITCH DIVERS
DOGS
FLUKE
GLACIERS
GOLD
HONEY BUCKET
IDITAROD
INTERIOR
MALAMUTE
MOOSE
NUGGETS
MOSQUITOES
MUD RUT
MUKLUK
NORTHERNLIGHTS
NO-SEE-UMS
ORCAS
OUTSIDE
PERMAFROST
SINGSONG
SLUSH
SNOW BLIND
SNOWMACHINE
SOURDOUGH
THE BUSH
TWO-SEATER
WHITE OUT
WILLIWAW

Here's how it works: A R C T I C D R A G O N
is B S D U J D E S B H P O

One letter stands for another. In this example the letter B stands for the letter A so all the Bs stand for the letter A, Ds stand for C, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, and word length are all clues. The code letters are different for every puzzle.

S O Y T O L S O A T H I G Z G U K Q H I N . N G X Y T T R

Z I T F T U T Z O C T L Z G R T C E S G H . — X F A F G V F

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"Thank you, father."

His chivalrous disposition aside, Jeskent Antock son was handsome in all regards, the ideal man for any woman. Indeed, every woman from Natill to Ehdunia swooned over him whenever he was present, despite his two year's long betrothal. A full head of jet black hair and an equally full beard marked him as a son of Silvara; blue eyes were drops of its sea and a humbly muscular build were testament of its strength. Behind his beard, his face was full and pale, his father's. His considerate eyebrows, though, were his mother's.

"Father?"

Benn realized belatedly that he had allowed his eyes to glaze over. Thinking of Jes and Elenyah together had brought back those words of the Menace who threatened them. Benn felt a failure to his son for having left him so rashly, so cruelly.

"Forgive me son, I have not been as glad as I should be. These months have been quite the adventure; the kind you bring home with you."

Jes nodded his understanding. He grabbed his father's elbow empathetically.

"No doubt you are weary, and I know mother certainly is with her worry for you. Plotting has begun anew among the lordly courts, and these brigands are emboldened by it. Mother has lost much sleep over them, and over you. Lanniare lets her cradle little Chebesk often to ease her worry. Mother has held me when she is not holding him, she is so wrested of her will—she nearly denied me leave of Natill when I received word of your passage from the Builen. She behaves as though you were dead." *It* has *been long.*

"Then I will not water her anxiety any longer. We ride at first light."

Here are some library staff reading recommendations. Almost all are available at the Mat-Su College Library.

Micah:

The Middle Ages
by Morris Bishop
Food Rules: An Eater's Manual
by Michael Pollan
In the Lake of the Woods
by Tim O'Brien

Gini:

Orphan Train
by Christina Baker Kline
The Girl on the Train
by Paula Hawkins
The Shoemaker's Wife
by Adriana Trigiani

Jo:

The Book Thief
by Markus Zusak
Dead Wake
by Erik Larson
The Crossing
by Michael Connelly

Audrey:

The Good Thief
by Hannah Tinti
The Invention of Wings
by Sue Monk Kidd
The Nightingale
by Kristin Hannah

Heather:

Steal Like an Artist by Austin Kleon
Quick Sketching
by Ron Husband
The Goose Girl
by Shannon Hale

Emily:

Speaker for the Dead by Orson Scott Card
Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden
Storm Front
by Jim Butcher

The Fire-Reading Dragons

This book club is comprised of some Mat-Su College library staff and library users. The club usually meets once a month at a local restaurant to leisurely discuss the several books it chose to read at the preceding meeting. Sometimes there are waffles or pancakes and once a certain librarian even had both. All are welcome to participate. See the enclosed list for this month's books and talk to a library employee for meeting details.

The Boys in the Boat
by Daniel James Brown

Daniel James Brown's *The Boys in the Boat* is the kind of nonfiction book that reads like a novel. Centered around the life of Joe Rantz—a farm boy from the Pacific Northwest who was literally abandoned as a child—and set during the Great Depression, *The Boys in the Boat* is a character-driven story with a natural crescendo that will have you racing to the finish. —*Chris Schluep*

The Great Reformer
by Austen Ivereigh

A biography of Pope Francis that describes how this revolutionary thinker will use the power of his position to challenge and redirect one of the world's most formidable religions.

The Diving Bell and the Butterfly

by Jean-Dominique Bauby

In 1995, Jean-Dominique Bauby was the editor-in-chief of French **Elle**, the father of two young children, a 44-year-old man known and loved for his wit, his style, and his impassioned approach to life. By the end of the year he was also the victim of a rare kind of stroke to the brainstem. After 20 days in a coma, Bauby awoke into a body which had all but stopped working: only his left eye functioned, allowing him to see and, by blinking it, to make clear that his mind was unimpaired.

The Rosie Project

by Graeme Simsion

The art of love is never a science: Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially inept professor of genetics, who's decided it's time he found a wife. In the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project to find his perfect partner: a sixteen-page, scientifically valid survey to filter out the drinkers, the smokers, the late arrivers. Rosie Jarman possesses all these qualities. Don easily disqualifies her as a candidate for The Wife Project (even if she is "quite intelligent for a barmaid"). (*Chicago Tribune*).

The Time Keeper
by Mitch Albom

In Mitch Albom's exceptional work of fiction, the inventor of the world's first clock is punished for trying to measure God's greatest gift. He is banished to a cave for centuries and forced to listen to the voices of all who come after him seeking more days, more years. Eventually, with his soul nearly broken, Father Time is granted his freedom, along with a magical hourglass and a mission: a chance to redeem himself by teaching two earthly people the true meaning of time.

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